

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended) A professional practice application configured for use over a network by users operating professionally ~~as individuals or as one or more~~ in a plurality of groups each including one or more users, and the professional practice application comprising:

- a database ~~with a plurality of portions for selectively receiving and supplying data related to a professional practice~~ configured to store records each associated with a corresponding one of the plurality of groups;
- web pages ~~including a set of web pages for viewing and entering data related to professional practice~~ for entering corresponding records of each group into said database; and the web pages including:
  - data web pages for viewing and entering data records associated with each groups' professional practice;
  - at least one group registration web page for entering a registration record of a new group including a group identifier and a user identifier for a user having a role of group manager for the new group;
  - at least one managerial web page for entering of access each group manager to manage registration records for users and roles for each user within the group manager's associated group; and

- an access controller ~~for controlling~~ configured to limit access ~~by each user to selected ones of both said web pages and said plurality of portions of said database with access roles which match the access role of the user and said access controller supplying to~~ the at least one managerial web page to each user user's with an access a role of group manager and to limit the registration records viewed and entered by each group manager via the at least one managerial web page to registration records associated with the corresponding group; and to vary access privileges to the professional practice application for other users within the corresponding manager's group. condition a user's access to selected ones of the data web pages based on a user's role in a group and to limit the data records viewed and entered by each user via the selected ones of the data web pages to data records associated with the corresponding group; whereby a plurality of group managers each determine for their associated group both the users in their group and the data records of the group accessible to each user.

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (currently amended) The professional practice application of Claim 1, wherein said ~~plurality of portions of~~ the records stored in said database include at least two of the following group of ~~portions consisting of~~ records:

- client ~~portions~~ records for storing client data for the clients associated with each ~~group of the plurality of groups;~~ ;
- case ~~portions~~ records for storing each client's case information for each ~~corresponding group of the plurality of groups ;~~
- time ~~portions~~ records for storing time entries for time spent on each client's cases for each ~~corresponding group of the plurality of groups ;~~

- cost ~~portions~~ records for storing cost entries for costs incurred on each client's cases for each ~~corresponding group of the plurality of groups~~  $\ddot{=}$
- docket ~~portions~~ records for storing docket entries for each client's cases for each ~~corresponding group of the plurality of groups~~  $\ddot{=}$  and
- rule ~~portions~~ records for storing each group's rules for populating the corresponding docket ~~portion~~ records.

Claim 4. The professional practice application of Claim 1, wherein at least one of said ~~set of~~ data web pages includes:

- a static portion encoded in a markup language;
- an interpreted portion encoded in a scripting or embedded language; and
- said access controller further configured to conditionally interpreting said interpreted portion depending on a correlation between an ~~access~~ role associated with said interpreted portion and the ~~access~~ role of the user requesting the at least one of said ~~set of~~ data web pages.

Claims 5-7 (canceled)

Claim 8 (currently amended) The professional practice application of Claim 1, wherein said access controller further comprises:

- an access table for correlating each of ~~said plurality of~~ the web pages with at least one corresponding user role; ~~and~~
- ~~a registration table for correlating each of the users with a role and with a group and with each group including at least one user with a manager role.~~

Claim 9 (currently amended) The professional practice application of Claim 8, with the at least one managerial web page further ~~for entering~~ allowing each group manager to manage access roles associated with access to ~~for~~ each of the plurality of web pages.

Claim 10 (currently amended) The professional practice application of Claim 1, wherein said access controller further comprises:

- an access table for correlating each of ~~said plurality of the~~ web pages as well as each ~~of the plurality of portions~~ table of records of said database with at least one corresponding user role; and
- ~~a registration table for correlating each of the users with a role and with a group and with each group including at least one user with a manager role.~~

Claim 11 (currently amended) The professional practice application of Claim 10, with the at least one managerial web page further ~~for entering~~ allowing each group manager to manage access roles associated with access to ~~for~~ each of the plurality of web pages and ~~for~~ each of the plurality of portion table of records of said database.

Claim 12 (currently amended) The professional practice application of Claim 1, with said access controller ~~for supplying said at least one managerial web page selectively to users with manager roles to enable managers of all groups including the users operating professionally as individuals to add users to the corresponding groups, to enable users with roles of manager for groups with at least two users to delete users from the corresponding group and to select roles for each user at least one of which includes a role of manager.~~ further configured to require each group to have at least one user with a role of group manager.

Claim 13 (canceled)

Claim 14 (currently amended)      The method for implementing a professional practice application configured for use over a network by users operating professionally ~~as individuals or as one or more~~ in a plurality of groups each including one or more users, and the method ~~for implementing~~ comprising the acts of:

- ~~providing a database with a plurality of portions for selectively receiving and supplying data related to professional practice configured to store records each associated with a corresponding one of the plurality of groups ;~~
- ~~providing web pages including a set of web pages for viewing and entering data related to professional practice into said database; and at least one managerial web page for entering of access roles for each user; and for entering corresponding records of each group into said database including: data web pages for viewing and entering data records associated with each groups' professional practice; at least one group registration web page for entering a registration record of a new group including a group identifier and a user identifier for a user having a role of group manager for the new group; at least one managerial web page for each group manager to manage registration records for users and roles for each user within the group manager's associated group;~~

~~controlling access by each user to selected ones of both said web pages and said plurality of portions of said database with access roles which match the access role of the user and supplying the at least one managerial web page to each user with an access role of manager to vary access privileges to the professional practice application for other users within the corresponding manager's group.~~

- limiting access to the at least one managerial web page to user's with a role of group manager;

- limiting the registration records viewed and entered by each group manager via the at least one managerial web page to registration records associated with the corresponding group;
- conditioning a user's access to selected ones of the data web pages based on a user's role in a group; and
- limiting the data records viewed and entered by each user via the selected ones of the data web pages to data records associated with the corresponding group; whereby a plurality of group managers each determine for their associated group both the users in their group and the data records of the group accessible to each user.

Claims 15-17 (canceled)

Claim 18 (currently amended)      A computer program product for a professional practice application configured for use over a network by users operating professionally ~~as individuals or as one or more~~ in a plurality of groups each including one or more users; and the computer program product having a plurality of instructions embodied in a computer readable medium; wherein said instruction, when executed by a computer, perform the acts of:

- ~~providing a database with a plurality of portions for selectively receiving and supplying data related to professional practice~~ configured to store records each associated with a corresponding one of the plurality of groups ;
- ~~providing web pages including a set of web pages for viewing and entering data related to professional practice into said database; and at least one managerial web page for entering of access roles for each user; and~~ for entering corresponding records of each group into said database including: data web pages for viewing and entering data records associated with each groups' professional practice; at least one group registration web page for entering a registration record of a new group including a group identifier and a user identifier for a user having a role of group manager for the

new group; at least one managerial web page for each group manager to manage registration records for users and roles for each user within the group manager's associated group;

~~controlling access by each user to selected ones of both said web pages and said plurality of portions of said database with access roles which match the access role of the user and supplying the at least one managerial web page to each user with an access role of manager to vary access privileges to the professional practice application for other users within the corresponding manager's group;~~

- limiting access to the at least one managerial web page to user's with a role of group manager;
- limiting the registration records viewed and entered by each group manager via the at least one managerial web page to registration records associated with the corresponding group;
- conditioning a user's access to selected ones of the data web pages based on a user's role in a group; and
- limiting the data records viewed and entered by each user via the selected ones of the data web pages to data records associated with the corresponding group; whereby a plurality of group managers each determine for their associated group both the users in their group and the data records of the group accessible to each user.